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LETTER RESCINDING NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

A Notice of Abandonment, Form PTO-ABN0, was mailed on February 29, 2008, in patent application Serial Number 10/518,708. The Notice of Abandonment alleged that applicant failed to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee.

A response to the Notice of Abandonment was filed April 28, 2008, and has been associated with the application file. The response includes a Request for Continued Examination Transmittal dated 12/27/2007; an Information Disclosure Statement dated 12/27/2007; a Form SB/08 dated 12/27/2007; a German Search Report; and Foreign References (5 documents). These documents were accompanied by an Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt bearing the Receipt Date and Payment information. Accordingly, the response is considered timely and the Notice of Abandonment is, therefore, hereby RESCINDED.

Any inconvenience occasioned by the delay in associating the response with the application file is regretted.

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